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SUBJECT: ENERGY COORDINATING GROUP AND EC ENERGY
POLICY

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1. DURING A CONVERSATION WITH THE ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL

MINISTER, ECONOMICS MINISTRY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENGELMANN WHO RECENTLY TOOK OVER RESPONSIBILITY FOR ENERGY AFFAIRS, NOTED THAT THERE HAD BEEN A GENERAL FEELING AMONG THE PARTICIPANTS AT THE RECENT EC ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING THAT THE US HAD REDUCED CONSIDERABLY ITS INTEREST IN THE ONGOING WORK OF THE ECG AND THAT THIS DIMINUTION IN US INTEREST WAS CONNECTED WITH RECENT US ARRANGEMENTS WITH SAUDI ARABIA. IN RESPONSE WE DREW ON GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN REFTEL AND STRESSED THE CONTINUED SENSE OF URGENCY AND IMPORTANCE THE US ATTACHED TO THE FOLLOWUP OF THE WASHINGTON ENERGY CONFERENCE. ENGELMANN SAID THE FRG HAD RECEIVED A SIMILAR REPORT FROM ITS EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON.

2. ENGELMANN STATED THAT THE FRG CONTINUED TO ATTACH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE ECG. HE SAID THAT DURING HIS BRIEF EXPOSURE TO THE ECG HE FELT THAT IT WAS MAKING BETTER PROGRESS AND PROCEEDING WITH A GREATER SENSE OF POLITICAL REALISM THAN THE EC ENERGY COMMITTEE. IN RESPONSE TO OUR PRESENTATION OF US THINKING ON A CONSUMER PRODUCER CONFERENCE AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL, ENGELMANN AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE COU-

NTERPRODUCTIVE TO SCHEDULE ANOTHER MEETING ALONG THE LINES OF THE RECENT SPECIAL SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. HE SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE BEST APPROACH WOULD BE TO HAVE A SMALL MEETING WITH 2-3 EC MEMBER COUNTRIES, 2-3 OTHER CONSUMER COUNTRIES AND A SMALL NUMBER OF PRODUCERS.

3. ENGELMANN REPORTED THAT DURING THE RECENT MEETING OF THE EC ENERGY COMMITTEE MEETING THE FRENCH PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP WITHIN THE OECD ON THE ROLE OF THE INTERNATIONAL OIL COMPANIES. HE SAID THAT THE FRG, THE UK AND THE DUTCH OBJECTED ON THE GROUNDS THAT THE ECG WAS PRESENTLY WORKING ON THIS TOPIC AND THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE OECD TO DUPLICATE THIS WORK. HE SAID THAT AFTER DISCUSSION THIS LATTER CONFIDENTIAL

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VIEW WAS ACCEPTED BY ALL INCLUDING THE FRENCH AND THE EC COMMISSION.

4. ENGELMANN REPORTED THAT THE EC ENERGY COMMITTEE HOPES TO BE ABLE TO AGREE ON A PAPER WHICH THE COMMISSION COULD SUBMIT TO THE COUNCIL IN JUNE. HE SAID THAT THE PETROLEUM CHAPTER WAS BEING COMPLETELY REWRITTEN AT THE INSISTENCE OF THE

GERMANS, BRITISH AND DUTCH. HE SAID HE HOPED IT
WOULD PLACE MORE EMPHASIS ON A LESS DIRIGENT MARKET
STRUCTURE AND ON MORE COOPERATION WITH COUNTRIES
OUTSIDE THE EC.
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